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NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The Tucson Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency will again partner to bring the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative to the citizens of Tucson on Saturday, October 26, 2013. During this event, the public will be able to bring unwanted or unused medications to either of two drop-off locations, where they can be turned over to members of the Tucson Police Department for disposal. This service is being provided for free, and is anonymous - no personal information will be collected from citizens turning over medication for disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The two drop-off locations for this event will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM, and can be found at:

Tucson Police Department Hardesty Service Center – 1100 S. Alvernon (NW corner of Alvernon & 22nd)
Tucson Police Department Santa Cruz Substation – 4410 S. Park (NW corner of Park & Fair)

Please do not bring sharps/needles, I.V. medications, glass containers, or inhalers.

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